

At age 10, Barbara recorded her first radio performance, and moved to Los Angeles in the early 1970s at the age of 21. During her historic career she released numerous albums and performed alongside legendary musicians like Dizzy Gillespie, Ray Charles, Etta James, Tony Bennett, Nancy Wilson, and Dr. John. A three-time GRAMMY nominee, Barbara's wide vocal range and her soulful interpretations of jazz and blues classics resonated deeply with audiences across the globe.

Over her six-decade career, Barbara dedicated her life to her music and her community. In 2009, she founded the Barbara Morrison Performing Arts Center in Leimert Park, a hub of African American arts and culture in my district. There she provided music lovers with the opportunity to hear live jazz, blues, and soul music from musicians around the world. Two years later, she created the California Jazz & Blues Museum in the same location.

Barbara also nurtured new talent and fostered a love of music in young people, including with nocost music and voice lessons for children. The Center and the Museum offer gathering places where lovers can come together, collaborate and learn.

Committed to teaching, Barbara's work extended to academia. She served as an adjunct associate professor of global jazz studies at the Herb Alpert School of Music at the University of California, Los Angeles. As a UCLA professor and as a music teacher in Leimert Park, Barbara's joy for music brought generations together. Barbara led with compassion and grace, and used music to heal and uplift her community. In celebration of April as International Jazz Month, the Center plans to honor Barbara Morrison's music, spirit, and significant contributions to the City's artistic history and its future. I'm proud to know that her legacy will live on.

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AUDYANNA VIALPANDO

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Audyanna Vialpando for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Audyanna Vialpando is a student in Adams County and received this award because their determination and hard work have allowed them to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Audyanna Vialpando is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Audyanna Vialpando for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of their future accomplishments.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE OF BERNIE BLUESTEIN

**HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2022*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I wish to honor the distinguished service of Bernie Bluestein, a resident of Schaumburg, Illinois and of my district who is one of nine veterans of the "Ghost Army," an elite U.S. military unit during World War Two, still alive today.

During the war, the Ghost Army operated covertly, deploying tactics such as inflatable tanks, the use of sound effects, radio deception, and impersonation to gain an upper hand on the enemy by concealing the strength and location of American troops. In June 1945, the unit returned home after having served with four U.S. armies throughout England, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland, and Germany.

There is no doubt that the Ghost Army's efforts, while not officially declassified until 1996, were critical to our military's success in turning the tide of the war in Europe. It is estimated that the brave missions undertaken by the Ghost Army saved around 30,000 American lives during the war. Mr. Bernstein's service as a part of this unit was heroic, and Illinois' Eighth Congressional District was incredibly proud to see him awarded the Congressional Gold Medal earlier this year.

Mr. Bluestein has, however, done much more in his life in addition to his exemplary service as a soldier. Since returning home, he has become a lifelong learner, enrolling in classes at Harper College for more than 30 years and finishing art school. This year, at 98 years old, he is fulfilling his life-long dream of learning to sculpt by taking classes at Harper College.

Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the tremendous sacrifice and accomplishments of this humble man from Schaumburg, Illinois. Mr. Bluestein is a distinguished serviceman and remarkable citizen. He represents the values of integrity, service, and character that make our country a beacon to others around the world.

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RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF  
RONALD CURTIS KNIGHT

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Ronald Curtis Knight who passed away on Monday, February 21, 2022 at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. I join his family, friends, and loved ones in mourning his loss.

Curtis was born December 9, 1953 in Amory to Hubert Carroll Knight and Emma Miller Langford. He briefly lived in Texas before returning to Amory. He attended Amory High School and joined the Army, where he served for 6 years. He worked on a riverboat on the Mississippi River for 15 years and was also employed by True Temper Sports. In 1994, he began his 28 year career in law enforcement.

He began his career with the Aberdeen Police Department then joined the Monroe County Sheriffs department. He served as a jailer, patrol, chief investigator, and retired as Chief Deputy. He served as Sheriff of Monroe County from June to December 2021.

Outside of his law enforcement career, Curtis was a Master mason in the J.A. Mayfield Lodge and he played golf, fished, and woodworked. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Amory.

Left to cherish his memory are wife, Tina; son, Josh; daughters Nikki and Tiffany; along with his brother, sister, and grandchildren.

I am grateful for Curtis' lifetime of service to the state of Mississippi. My deepest condolences are with his family at this time.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF SUNNY KING

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2022*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Sunny King Automotive Group.

In 1922, E. D. King acquired the Ford Motor Company franchise currently operated by King Motor Co., Inc. As a Ford franchise continuously operated by the same family in the United States, it's the second oldest in the State of Alabama and 18th oldest in the United States.

Through a 1922 merger involving principals E. D. King, J. F. King and J. C. Wheeler, as well as Wheeler Motor Company and Oxford Motor Company, King-Wheeler Motor Co. was formed. An advertisement appearing in the April 7, 1922, edition of The Anniston Star stated King and Wheeler had been "in the Ford business for a number of years" and claimed the new combination assured "the trade of the best and finest service available".

King Wheeler Motor Co. was conveniently located at 110 East 11th Street in downtown Anniston and the business retailed both cars and tractors. The company operated under the core principle: "every transaction must be satisfactory . . . to every customer."

J. F. King left King Wheeler Motor Co. to pursue and operate a Lincoln franchise while E. D. King retained King Wheeler Motor Co. The name of the company was later changed to King Motor Company which was initially incorporated as King Motor Co., Inc. on December 15, 1947.

In the early 1950s the leadership of King Motor Company transitioned from E. D. King, Sr., the meticulous, organized businessman to E. D. "Sunny" King, Jr., the flamboyant, energetic promoter with the magnetic personality. E. D. King, Sr. became President and major shareholder in Anniston National Bank, that is now Regions Bank.

Under the leadership of Sunny King, Jr., Sunny King Ford became a local household name through advertising and promotion. NASCAR stock car racing was a constant through sponsorship of great drivers like Bill Elliot, Donnie Allison and Ken Schrader.

In 1971, the expansion of Sunny King Ford required relocation to a newly constructed facility located at 1507 South Quintard Avenue. This expansion continued until 1989 with the